Letters to the Editor

Courting Danger

The apt heading "Brutal Speed Plan" and the accompanying letter by L. Campbell deserves reading again and again.

Is our record of safety in B.C. so faultless that we can even consider increasing the highway limit? As your editorial mentioned, a legal 60 m.p.h. limit automatically invites even higher speeds. There are always a few drivers who consider the legal limit the minimum highway speed, not the maximum. Fast driving saves only a few minutes; the cost in property damage, injury and human lives is fantastic.

I suggest Mr. Gaglardi seek some graphic illustrations of the results of speeding, such as a visit to the emergency department of a hopital or a funeral parlor. Perhaps then he would reconsider this most incredible of Social Credit schemes.

(MRS.) M. BROWN.

Estevan Avenue.

Credit Where Due

If as Gerald Waring infers, Prime Minister Diefenbaker will use the five-year agreement with Newfoundland to enable him to dangle a "juicy carrot" in front of the Newfoundlander voters in the next election, then by the same reasoning, what is to prevent the Librals using a better bait, say a watermelon? It is past high time for Gerald Waring to credit the present government with a sincerity of purpose.

V. E. VIRGIN.

R.R. 1, Saanichton.

Sight Reading

When parents in Manitoba complain that their children cannot read print at first sight and can only recite from the school readers they are told that the sight method of teaching reading, with incidental phonics, is used all across Canada.

Many of us here are curious to know whether parents and teachers in B.C. are as dissatisfied with the results of these methods as we are in Manitoba, and we hope that those interested in the problem will write to:

(MRS.) J. VOORSMITT.

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Winnipeg 12, Man.

Royal Oak Ball Park

It seems to me that those responsible for the construction of the school ball grounds at Royal Oak have missed their calling, judging by the appearance of this scientific achievement at the present time, which is more like a duck pond than a ball park, mainly because it is too flat and has no drainage.

Had this work been done properly, the whole grounds would have had sufficient slope as that the surplus water would have run off, making tiling unnecessary. But seeing that this wasn't done, tiling is the only remedy, which will mean a lot more expense and won't be nearly as satisfactory as a sloping surface.

TOM CLARK.

Royal Oak.

Mama Winner In Squabble Over Wedding

HOLLYWOOD (UPI) — Italian singing star Anna-Maria Alberghetti yesterday called off her wedding to composer-arranger Buddy Bregman, a marriage her mother opposed because Bregman had been divorced.

"After careful deliberation I have decided marriage at this time would be premature," the singer said. "For that reason, I have on my own, decided against the wedding."

FRED HUME
. . . made it

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Political Morals Probe Demanded

TORONTO — Heated arguments involving the Toronto Transit Commission spread to civic political fields yesterday when **Ald. Philip Givens** demanded a royal commission investigation of "political morality" in Metropolitan Toronto.

His demands followed charges by TTC commissioner and former chairman **Allan Lamport** that two civic officials used their political positions to gain favors from the TTC. Lamport named Givens and Controller **William Allen.**

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VANCOUVER — Former mayor **Fred Hume** has qualified for a driver's licence after a seven-year layoff from driving. While he was mayor, Mr. Hume was chauffeured by a police constable.

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VANCOUVER — Pianist **Artur Rubinstein** was "bitterly disappointed" Vancouver's new civic auditorium was not ready for his recital Thursday, because "I picked the two new pianos for the auditorium and I wanted to be the first to play on them."

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OTTAWA — **Chief Justice Patrick Kerwin** of the Supreme Court of Canada likely will announce Monday the date the court will hear an appeal by **Robert Sommers** and **H. Wilson Gray** against conviction of conspiracy and bribery.

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LONDON — **Prince Charles** has chicken pox, doctors confirmed yesterday.

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BUDAPEST — **Zoltan Tildy,** minister of state in **Imre Nagy's** short-lived revolutionary regime, was freed from a six-year jail sentence yesterday in a partial amnesty announced by the Hungarian presidential council, first such amnesty since the 1956 anti-Communist revolt.

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VANCOUVER — Traffic deaths, injuries, accidents and property damage have dropped as a result of B.C.'s crackdown on careless and incompetent drivers, says **George Lindsay,** provincial superintendent of motor vehicles.

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VATICAN CITY — **Pope John,** calling for the defence of spiritual values against materialism, has criticized "absurd arrogance arising from technical progress" whose "bitter fruits" can be seen in some parts of the world.

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LOS ANGELES — Victoria-born actor **John Ireland,** 43, former husband of actress **Joanne Dru,** filed a voluntary petition of bankruptcy yesterday.

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AUCKLAND — A crowd of 50,000 packed the local football ground to hear evangelist **Billy Graham** start his tour of New Zealand, and an estimated 3,000 men, women and children came forward to declare themselves for Christ.

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INDIANAPOLIS — **Connie Nicholas** admitted she fired the three fatal bullets into her business executive lover but said she only meant to shoot him in the arm, a detective testified yesterday at her murder trial.

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LONDON — **Noel Coward's** first ballet, "London Morning," will have its world premiere at the Royal Festival Hall July 14. Its subject—the changing of the guards.

In Brief

MAKASSAR, Celebes, Indonesia—The malaria eradication department of the East Indonesian Islands says malaria kills at least 120,000 persons a year in Indonesia.

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JACKSONVILLE, Fla.—This city will close its two municipal golf courses rather than bow to a federal court injunction opening them to white and Negro players on an equal basis.

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VANCOUVER (CP) — A Vancouver CCF organization wants to see teaching of Russian and Chinese introduced in B.C.'s public schools.

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VANCOUVER — A conciliation officer has recommended a 24-cent increase over two years for B.C.'s 10,000 carpenters.

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SALISBURY, Southern Rhodesia — Southern Rhodesian parliament decided by a vote of 17 to 6 to open the civil service to non-whites.

Names In the News

Four Survive Sea Tragedy

WELLFLEET, Mass. (AP) —A Boston fishing fleet vessel bucking a severe storm ran aground on a sandbar off Cape Cod yesterday with the loss of three lives.

Four survived the wreck of the 83-foot Paul Mino by leaping from the breaking craft and swimming about one-half mile to shore.

Gales in the Antarctic have been known to reach a force of more than 100 miles per hour.

'Meddling U.S. Generals Threat to World Peace'

LONDON (AP) — Britain's largest daily newspaper, the tabloid Daily Mirror, yesterday devoted its front page to an attack on "meddling, loud-mouthed American generals."

The pro-labor paper carried a photograph of U.S. Gen. Lauris Norstad, NATO's top commander, labelled: "A threat to the hopes of world peace."

It said U.S. generals "appear totally unconcerned at efforts by statesmen to settle the future of the world round the conference table."

MOSCOW (UPI) — The Russian army newspaper Red Star marked the 10th anniversary of NATO by describing Gen. Lauris Norstad as a "first class atomaschik . . . hater of mankind . . . murderer . . . cannibal."

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Courtroom Parade

Two Soldiers Sentenced Again On False Pretences Charges

Sentences concurrent with terms already imposed in Saanich police court were handed down to two Work Point soldiers in city court yesterday by Magistrate William Ostler.

Jack Kenneth Dye, who had pleaded guilty to two charges of false pretences and one of attempted false pretences, was given a three-month term on each. He had made full restitution in every case.

Robert John Fullerton, who had pleaded guilty to seven charges of uttering and three of false pretences, was sentenced to serve 16 months in jail.

Fullerton also appeared yesterday before Magistrate D. G. Ashby in Sidney police court and was sentenced to 16 months, concurrent, on a forgery charge.

Both men had obtained goods or cash by means of false army identification.

Each man, as he appeared before Magistrate Ostler, asked if he might have a private vtsit with his wife at the jail. The magistrate told them that was up to the police, but that he supposed some arrangements might be made.

Police, however, said private visits are impossible. Regulations provide that no one except lawyers, doctors or probation officers may visit with prisoners without police supervision. At the city jail, family or friends may talk to prisoners through a screen, with the visitor standing in the charge office.

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Mary Hedley, 1728 Duchess, won dismissal of a charge of failing to file an income tax return for 1957 in response to a written demand.

She told the court that the registered letter demanding the return had been received and signed for, not by herself, but by a child. She was unaware of the demand until her summons brought it to light.

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Fine of $50 was levied in Oak Bay court against David Glen Ringland, 239 Menzies, who pleaded guilty to supplying liquor to a minor.

Court was told he gave drinks containing gin to a minor who subsequently became ill.

Police Shoot Fleeing Slav

BELGRADE (Reuters) — A Yugoslav attempting to cross into Italy with his wife and child was shot and killed Wednesday night by Yugoslav police.

Ivan Mamitch, from Croatia, was stopped 100 yards from the border. He was shot after attacking police with his fists and throwing stones. The wife and child were arrested.

Red Officer Bolts to West

BAD HERSFELD, Germany (AP)—A company commander of the East German Communist border police crossed over to West Germany Wednesday and asked for asylum. Authorities said the 26-year-old lieutenant fled in full uniform, carrying his sub-machine-gun and ammunition.

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Mussolini 'Diary' Fake Probing Police Decide

VERCELLI, Italy (AP)—After an 18-month investigation, police say a diary attributed to the late Benito Mussolini is a fake. Amalia Pavini Rosati, 46, was ordered arrested on charges of trying to sell the diary for 8,000,000 lire ($12,800).

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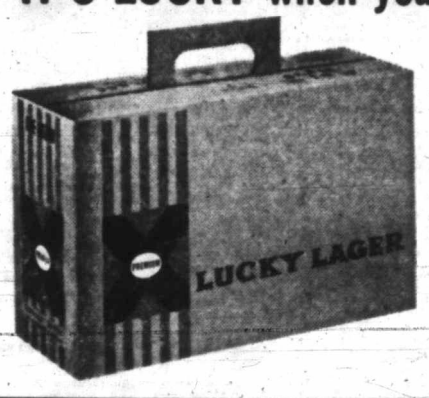

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